

ABSTRACT

The present invention is a system for serving and playing back a video stream spliced from a plurality of disparate video segments. The system has a video splicing server on the server side and a client application for playback on the client's side. The client application is a plug-in that enables the user's browser program, preferably Netscape and Internet Explorer, to play any known streaming media format. In order to view the streaming presentation, viewer will connect to a presentation server using the provided client software. The splicing server, which is used to create a seamless presentation, dynamically splices together disparate segments of the video presentation and feeds the client's side a sequence of pointers to these video segments, which are played by the provided client software in the order presented, resulting in a coherent show.